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On December 11-13, 1915, the "City of Brotherly Love" mourned officially the victims of the Armenian Genocide. The historic event is documented by this picture which depicts the entrance of the City Hall of Philadelphia, PA. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Mariam Davidian)



# FAITH TAKES WINGS AT EASTER



G. H. Chopourian

political system was created in which the teaching of religion is prohibited today. This "godless" system allowed anti-god propaganda while prohibiting the public proclamation of the existence of God.

These were developments of the mid-19th and 20th centuries. They caused, in the words of one writer, the "Shaking of the Foundations."

But — deep down, man realizes he is finite. He is bound by that limitation. He can't change it. As a result, his limited nature has kept him in doubt of himself and of the future. Therefore, both intended and unintended efforts to kill his hope and faith have failed miserably. He knows he cannot live forever! Voltaire, it is said, recanted of his atheism by a written statement made in bed before his death.

What can man do? Some persons take on an attitude of complacency. In their state of self-satisfaction, they become unaware of dangers that might face them. Others concede they cannot do anything about their lives and live in a hopeless condition. Still others defy all belief and rebel. A fourth attitude is one of humble acceptance of God's providence. Such

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feel assured of eternal existence. They therefore are fearless, full of courage, positive in outlook.

There are other alternatives, but the four attitudes or positions described cover the major responses man makes towards life.

Now for a couple of observations which lead to the conclusion that both converted and nominal Christians come down on their knees on Easter Sunday. They understand their "limitedness" and humbly consider the alternative.

A survey of churches in free and communist countries demonstrates that religion is not the "opium of the people." In a city of one million in a communist country, I found only three to five churches

in active service. But, those in attendance at these churches were devout Christians. Each one interviewed testified that all else than Christ was "sinking sand." Not only that, but it was revealed that hundreds of thousands had not "kneeled to Baal," practicing their Christian faith in quietness and solitude. The human soul knows and yearns for God just as the physical body thirsts for water and hungers for bread.

In a similar town in a free country, I turned to the yellow pages of a telephone directory and found that the city of one million had close to 2,000 churches listed under "churches." The members: men of science, law, medicine, engineering, architecture, painters, factory workers and ordinary laborers. Left alone, unbridled, free men are searching their souls and leaning on the eternal. They were taking shelter underneath the "Everlasting Arms."

I have watched church attendance on ordinary Sundays. The record is very poor. Average attendance appears to be only 25 to 30 percent of the total church membership.

On Easter Sunday, churches are jammed full.

Why?

On Easter Sunday, man is faced with the reality of his finiteness.

Then, he faces the reality of the empty tomb.

In the victory of the resurrected Lord, man sees the possibility of his "infinite-ness."

Once again, man believes and assurance follows.

Easter does that. It puts wings on faith.

Let's make Easter a daily event in our lives.

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— G. H. Chopourian

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## The Inspirational Corner

### THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

The world must know of our grief and pain. . .  
No longer silent should we remain. . .  
Armenians we, no longer should hide,  
The unknown truth of our genocide.  
This genocide great, of our nation small,  
By the wanton Turk who conquered all.  
They ravaged our homes, our land, our life;  
They marched us to death in hunger and strife.  
They raped our women, and land, to the core.  
Murdered young men defenseless in war;  
Men of great honour, or humble in deed,  
"Death to them all," was the mad Turkish creed.  
What was our crime? — if question we must,  
The earth was our life, in God was our trust.  
This was our "guilt", our great desolation;  
Still we live, our Armenian nation.

— Pauline Kourian Vick

### FROM THE DESERT OF BABYLON TO THE DESERT OF DER-ZOR . . . THE VISION OF RESURRECTION

(EZEKIEL 37: 1-14)

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me round among them; and behold, there were very many upon the valley;

and lo, they were very dry. And he said to me,

"Son of man, can these bones live?"

And I answered, "O Lord God, thou knowest."

Again he said to me,

"Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And as I looked, there were sinews on them, and flesh come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me,

"Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great host.

Therefore prophecy, and say to them, "Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you home into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, O my people. And I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done it, says the Lord."

ALLELUIA!

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# JOSEPH HAMMALIAN MAKES VIOLINS WITH ARTISTRY

**Editor's Note:** We are pleased to share with our readers the following article on Mr. Joseph Hammalian of El Toro, CA, an outstanding craftsman in the art of violin making. The article is written by Mayerene Barker and was originally featured in the Los Angeles Times.

Our Executive and West Coast Regional Directors recently had the pleasure of visiting with Mr. Hammalian whom they described as "a most fascinating personality." As a man of rare human qualities and distinguished artistry, Mr. Hammalian certainly deserves the admiration, love and respect of our community.

Joseph Hammalian has been called "the little old violin maker." Secluded in his garage workshop, the retired businessman spends countless hours fashioning copies of the most famous violins-Gureneria, Guadagnini, Ceruit and his favorite, Stradivari. He says he is attempting to achieve the perfect tone, searching for the secret of Stradivari. In all, he has fashioned 20 violins (each taking 300 hours) during the last 12 years.

When he was a boy taking music lessons, he vowed someday to build a violin that would rival a Stradivari. "The violin I had was a miserable thing," said Hammalian. And the teacher's sounded so beautiful. But it was an expensive one. I knew I couldn't afford one like hers. So, I decided if I couldn't buy one, I'd build it."

Hammalian was not to begin his experiment with violin making for some 40 years. The Depression forced him to abandon hopes of becoming a professional musician to search for a more reliable job.

Over the years, he built a successful career in the clothing industry, from which he retired in early 1970s. But violin making remained in the back of his mind. Not far into his clothing career, Hammalian sent away for a book on violin making. "That was in 1923," he said. "Since then I think I've read every book written on violin construction," he added. His reading led Hammalian to question the idea that the only fine violins are



Mr. Joseph Hammalian and a collection of his hand-made violins that bear the mark of his unique artistry.

those that have been played for hundreds of years to reach their full mellowness of tone.

"Possibly, when Stradivari violins were made more than 200 years ago, they did not sound quite as beautiful as they do today," he observed. "But it is safe to assume that at least 90% of their beauty and power was present in the original violins.

Hammalian's violins begin with the best wood he can find, curly maple for the back, sides and neck and spruce or pine for the top, all imported from Germany. "The pine we get today is not the same as the craftsmen used hundreds of years ago," he explained. "It is more brittle and lacks the soft, supple quality that is desirable for good, sustained tone. But I have found a way to treat the wood to give it this quality. It makes the wood more vibrant. The substance I use is made from my own secret formula. It contains gum resin from trees."

Before Hammalian applies the sub-

stance, he must cut the wood from the pattern of the style of violin he is creating, then gouge and sand it to a perfect thickness. The cut and thickness make the difference in sound and tone, he said.

Then, the violin is glued together and the treating and varnishing process begins. Three coats of Hammalian's secret substance and eight coats of varnish are applied.

After the strings are added, it takes as long as six months to break in the violin and to make sure the parts, the glue and the varnish are working together to make a goodsounding, responsive instrument.

Until now, Hammalian has refused to sell any of his violins, although one was used by Varoujan Kodjian, former assistant concertmaster of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

"To make a violin is not an art in itself but to fashion it into a first class instrument is a great art," Hammalian said. "And the maker who attains this goal is an artist. This is the goal I hope to attain."

# AMAA PROVIDES \$400,000 FOR ARMENIAN SCHOOLS THIS YEAR

The Armenian Missionary Association of America has always placed special emphasis on its educational projects believing they provide a viable ministry to our younger generation. It is through education with Christian orientation that children and youth could be given an opportunity to develop their innate potentialities and be prepared to lead dignified, self-sufficient and constructive lives. Over the years, therefore, the AMAA has generously provided for the construction as well as the maintenance of numerous schools in the Armenian diaspora. Extensive help has been given especially to educational institutions in the Middle East where the Armenian evangelicals render a unique educational ministry which ranges from kindergarten to college.



Students of the Armenian Evangelical College of Beirut, Lebanon, preparing to attend chapel service.

For the current 1985-86 academic year, AMAA's total outlay for schools in the United States and overseas is about \$400,000. Below is a list of those schools that benefit from this generous allocation:

Name of School	Location	Number of Students
Aleppo College.....	Aleppo, Syria	1,250
Armenian Evangelical Central High School.....	Beirut, Lebanon	451
Armenian Evangelical Christian Social Center School.....	Beirut, Lebanon	172
Armenian Evangelica Guertmenian School.....	Beirut, Lebanon	210
Armenian Evangelical Martyrs' School.....	Kessab, Syria	100
Armenian Evangelical School.....	Damascus, Syria	400
Armenian Evangelical School.....	Kokkinia, Greece	27
Armenian Evangelical Secondary School.....	Ainjar, Lebanon	360
Armenian Evangelical Shamlan-Tatigian High School.....	Beirut, Lebanon	807
Armenian Evangelical Stephen Philibosian School.....	Beirut, Lebanon	151
Armenian Evangelical Peter & Elizabeth Torosian School.....	Beirut, Lebanon	408
Armenian Evangelical Yeprem & Martha Philibosian College.....	Beirut, Lebanon	129
Assyrian Evangelical School.....	Aleppo, Syria	361
Charlotte & Elise Merdinian Armenian Evangelical School.....	Hollywood, California	202
Haigazian College.....	Beirut, Lebanon	221
Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School.....	Altadena, California	166
United Armenian Evangelical School.....	Aleppo, Syria	200
Total Number of Students.....		5615

As a token of its appreciation of the vital role of the Armenian-American educational institutions in the preservation of our Armenian Christian heritage, the AMAA also extends assistance to 21 Armenian day schools in the U.S. and Canada.

The financial support given to these schools is provided from the annual income of Trust and Endowment Funds established with the AMAA as well as from the gifts of caring people who are concerned about the education of our youth and the propagation of our Armenian Christian heritage. *Establish a Fund for U.S. schools.*



## AVEDISIAN FAMILY DONATES ORGAN TO THE ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF YEREVAN

The family of Mrs. Shooshanig Avedisian of Washington, D.C. has made a special gift of an organ to the Armenian Evangelical Baptist Church of Yerevan, Armenia. The beautiful gift was presented by the children of the Avedisian family in loving tribute to their mother on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

In reflecting on the beautiful act of the Avedisian family, Berj Jamgotchian of Boston, MA, who was instrumental in the shipment of the organ from the United States to Yerevan, writes the following:

"After some discussion with Ed [Edward Avedisian], I decided to send an organ to the First Arvest School of Yerevan, an instrument I had promised to that school a year ago. Both organs would go together. Ed planned to travel with his mother for the dedication in Armenia, and I promised to play the dedicatory recital.

"Today as I look back on those hectic days, there were so many people who come to mind for all their help. One of the outstanding names for this effort was that of the Rev. Vartan Hartunian, pastor of the first Armenian Church of Belmont.

"On the evening of December 8, 1985, the congregation of the Armenian (Evangelical) Baptist Church of Yerevan, overflowing out onto the street, thrilled to the sounds of the newly installed organ in their church, the Shooshanig Avedisian Organ! I played the works of Bach and Gomidas. Lucineh Zakarian joined with me in the dedicatory concert, singing American Spirituals, Yegmalian, and Sharagans from the Middle Ages. Shooshanig Mairig was in the front row, in serene joy, with the comfort of her faith, and her 'Hairenik.' "

We salute the Avedisian family for the wonderful gift which is not only a lasting



Mrs. Shooshanig Avedisian flanked by her daughter, Mrs. Zevart Onanian, and AMAA Field Director, Rev. M. B. Janbazian.

tribute to their mother, but a beautiful instrument that will be used for the glory of God in our 'Hairenik.' "

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## RECOGNITIONS

### JOHN P. MIRAK HONORED BY TIME MAGAZINE



John P. Mirak

TIME Magazine named John P. Mirak as a recipient of the 1986 TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award (TMQDA). Mr. Mirak and the other recipients of the Award were honored at the opening business meeting of the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) Convention which was attended by over 5,000 people involved in the automotive industry.

Mr. Mirak, Chairman of the Board of Mirak Chevrolet Co. of Arlington, MA, is one of only 67 dealers in the entire nation nominated for the TIME honor.

Mr. Mirak who was born in Arabkir, (now Turkey), graduated from Malden High School. He began his automotive career as a repairman. In 1932, he and three partners began their own car repair business. In 1934, they began selling used cars, and in 1936 they received a Chevrolet franchise. In 1939 Mirak bought out his partners and became sole owner. He eventually changed the name of the dealership to Mirak Chevrolet.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Mirak has been a member of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce for fifty years. He is past director of Family Services of Greater Boston, has served on the Arlington Industrial Redevelopment Board, the Massachusetts Educational Assistance Board and the Symmes Memorial Hospital Board. He is president of the Armenian Cultural Foundation and is a past chairman of the Arlington Chapter of the

Greater Boston Association for Retarded Children. He generously supports Armenian Charitable and Cultural causes and organizations, including the AMAA, to which he contributes generously and faithfully.

Mr. Mirak and his wife, Artemis, live in Arlington, MA. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Congratulations, Mr. Mirak, and best wishes for higher levels of excellence and achievements.

### ANTON & ARMEN TORUNIAN HONORED

The First Armenian Evangelical Church of Montreal, Canada, honored Mr. & Mrs. Anton Torunian of Mont Royal, Canada, during a special banquet on December 21, 1985. The banquet was organized by the Ladies Auxiliary on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Church.



Mr. Sarkis Hanenian, the Lay Minister of the Church, expressed the congregation's appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Torunian for their many worthy services to the Church and community at large, and presented them with a commemorative plaque of gratitude on behalf of the Church.

Mr. Torunian, who is Director of Finance at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, is a devoted Christian and has been the Moderator of the First Armenian Evangelical Church of Montreal ever since its inception in 1960. In

addition to his church activities, Mr. Torunian is also involved in community services and programs. He is Secretary-Treasurer of Camp Carowanis, a camp for diabetic children in Quebec; serves as the Treasurer and a founding member of the Diabetic Children's Foundation; and is the President of the Kayane Foundation.

Mrs. Armen Torunian, a faithful and devoted Christian, is an active member of the Church and has served as Chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary for many years. She is the author of a cookbook entitled, "Tasty Armenian Dishes," proceeds of the sales of which she has donated to the building fund of the Church.

The AMAA Board of Directors extend sincere congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Torunian and wish them God's abundant blessings as they continue their Christian service in and through our Church in Montreal.

### ASBED B. GUEKGEUZIAN RECOGNIZED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO HARVARD FOOTBALL

Asbed B. Guekgeuzian, the son of the Rev. Bernard and Mrs. Knar Guekgeuzian of Fresno, Calif., recently made news in the field of football at Harvard University where he is a 4th year student. The December 1985 issue of "News & Views" of the Harvard Varsity Club featured Asbed's picture along with a write-up on his recent election as the recipient of the gold pocket watch emblematic of the Henry N. Lamar Award. The award is made to the player who, through his dedication to the Harvard program and concern for his fellows, has made a unique contribution to Harvard football. Asbed earned his first varsity letter this season, seeing reserve action on the defensive line. Respected and admired by his teammates, Asbed was an important member of the Harvard football team that finished second in the Ivy League in 1985.

The AMAA rejoices in the accomplishments and distinguished achievements of Asbed and wishes him continued success in his future plans.



## WORCESTER CHURCH CELEBRATES 94TH ANNIVERSARY



The honorable George Keverian addressing the guests at the Martyrs' Church Banquet.

The 94th Anniversary of the Armenian Congregational Church of the Martyrs of Worcester, Mass., was celebrated with a special service of gratitude and a banquet on Sunday, January 19, 1986. Participants in the worship service were: The Rev. M.H. Shnorhokian, Pastor, and Mr. Hrant Tashjian, the Moderator of the Church. The Rev. Shnorhokian shared a message on the theme, "A Glance Forward," and Mr. Tashjian presented an informative talk on the 94 year-old history of the Church, including the formative years of the congregation when worship services were held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Hovhannes Yazijian with evangelical and non-evangelical Armenians attending.

The Anniversary Banquet, which was held following the worship service, featured Mr. George Keverian, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts, as Keynote Speaker. Other participants in the program included: The Rev. John Zarifian, The Rev. Vazken Bekiarian; The Rev. Henry Beairsto; and Mr. Robert Bohigian, greetings; Mrs. Virginia Derounian and Mrs. Parouhi Boyajian, special music; and Miss Barbara Papazian, a candlelight ceremony.

We extend heartiest congratulations to the pastor and the entire membership of the Church of the Martyrs.

The Armenian Congregational Church of the Martyrs of Worcester, Mass. is the

first and hence the oldest Armenian church established in the United States. The Board of Directors and the Executives of the AMAA join in praising God for its 94 years of uninterrupted, faithful and fruitful ministry.

## ANDREA AYVAZIAN INVOLVED IN PEACE WORK

Andrea Ayvazian of Northampton, MA., the daughter of Dr. Fred and Gloria Ayvazian and the granddaughter of Mrs. Marie Bedikian, is making an outstanding contribution to the work of the Peace Development Fund (PDF), a nationally reputed organization supporting community peace and justice groups. Andrea is the Director of the Exchange Project program of the Fund, and as such, she has been on the road almost constantly for the last two years consulting, leading workshops, and bringing people together on the regional level to teach fund-raising and organizational skills to peace and justice groups.

"This movement is not a gut-wrenching reaction to a specific war. It's an active response to the sanctity of life. This movement isn't against, and it isn't anti-anything. It's for a revolution of values and a shift in priorities," says Andrea.

In her travels, Andrea works with groups of people who are very interested in outreach, and she says she would like to see the members of the Fund get involved in communities where there is great economic need and more ethnic diversity.

Andrea believes her activism developed through her involvement with the women's movement and her work has been influenced by her religious beliefs. "My eyes were gradually opened to many forms of injustice, and all of them led back to economic issues. As a Quaker, I feel I am called to witness and live my beliefs, and I believe we are called to work for a safe, just, nonviolent world," she says.

Her commitment to social change caused Andrea to become part of the tax resistance movement in 1981. She states: "I could no longer pray for peace and pay for bombs. There is a point where activists can no longer stand this inconsistency."

A just society, according to Andrea, is one in which there is an equal sharing of

resources, an equitable distribution of wealth, a deep and abiding respect for differences of color, faith or social background, and a recognition of the sanctity of every human life.

As new branches of the PDF open in different parts of the country, Andrea will continue to travel from coast to coast to do the work she loves and believes in.

## CHARLES DAVITIAN CHAIRS SUCCESSFUL VARTANANTZ DAY EVENT



Mr. Charles Davitian

Charles J. Davitian, CPA, Comptroller of the AMAA, headed a special committee for an entirely successful community wide commemoration of Vartanantz Day in New York City on Thursday, February 6, 1986. Mr. Davitian is the Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Lodges of the Knights of Vartan. The commemoration headed by Mr. Davitian was sponsored by the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York, N.Y.; the Mid-Atlantic Lodges of the Knights of Vartan Brotherhood; the Diocese of the Armenian Church and other local Armenian groups.

Mr. Davitian is a partner in the firm of Braunfeld & Davitian, Certified Public Accountants in New York City. In spite of his hectic professional engagements, Mr. Davitian actively shares in the life and work of a number of Armenian charitable, cultural and religious organizations including the AMAA.

Mr. Davitian and his wife, Rose and daughter, Tina, live in Kew Gardens, New York.

## HAROLD G. NAHIGIAN: A DISTINGUISHED FINANCIAL PLANNER

Harold G. Nahigian, considered a prominent dean of investment and financial planning in Southern California, is registered as a general securities principal and licensed life insurance agent specializing in complete financial planning for individuals and corporations. In addition, he supervises more than 70 registered representatives as a regional director for Financial Network Investment Corporation.

His educational background is extensive covering business and finance. With a general secondary teaching credential, he has taught accounting and other business subjects in high schools and community colleges in the Los Angeles area prior to becoming a financial planner in 1958. Over the past quarter century, Harold has contributed his valuable services to the community by conducting financial planning seminars and as a guest lecturer at local colleges. He has been recognized and honored by several leading national financial service companies which has led to interviews on radio and many speaking engagements.

Harold is an active member of his church, The United Congregational, a member of the International Association of Financial Planning and a life member of the University of Southern California Alumni Association. For the past 12 years, Harold has been selected each year as a member of the Golden Scale Council. This is a sales management award presented "in recognition of the highest standards of professional sales management."

## DR. HARRY T. SENECA LECTURES AT SCIENTIFIC ASSEMBLY

Dr. Harry T. Seneca of New York, N.Y., was one of the main lecturers at the 21st Annual Meeting and Scientific Assembly of the American Society of Contemporary Medicine and Surgery held in Hollywood, Florida, on March 9-13, 1986. Dr. Seneca, who is a highly respected authority in the area of infectious diseases, lectured on the theme

"Genitourinary infections and Quinolones" to a large number of physicians attending the Scientific Assembly.

A graduate of the School of Medicine of the American University of Beirut and the Tulane University of New Orleans, LA, Dr. Seneca is the recipient of numerous scientific awards for his important contributions to the development of vaccines and the treatment of infectious diseases. He is the author of well over 200 articles and several books in the field of his specialization.

Warm congratulations to Dr. Seneca and best wishes to him for continued fulfillment and success in his life and career.

## GEORGE G. HAGOPIAN EARNS ED.D. DEGREE

George G. Hagopian, member of the Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church of Havertown, PA, and an Endowment Funder of AMAA, recently earned his Ed.D. degree in Administration from the University of Sarasota. Dr. Hagopian had received his MA from Trenton State College, NJ and his BS from Westchester University.

George, who is President of the Alumni Association of the University of Sarasota, is a Sales Representative for First Investor's Corporation.

Congratulations are in order for Dr. Hagopian.

## ARCHIE AND STELLA MATHSON DONATE \$10,000 ON OCCASION OF TRIPLE ANNIVERSARIES

On Labor Day the highlights of the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Archie and Stella Mathson will be observed with a 45th wedding anniversary and a 75th and 80th birthdays.

They have stated they are most happy on the occasion of these milestones to be able to continue their support of the needy with a \$10,000. gift to the A.M.A.A. They pray that their enjoyment of the Organization's good works will be with them forever.



Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mathson

These anniversaries will be observed on August 31st, this year, with a dinner party for their dear relatives and friends.

As to what they have been doing these many years: Both of them were children of the depression, so they know about the worst of times. Despite the difficulties they both obtained college degrees at Fresno State University and for better or worse overcame the handicaps and did lead useful community lives.

Stella taught school while Archie was Farming. They were both Civic minded and very much interested in politics.

Their church affiliation was with Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church of Fresno where they were active, serving on governing boards.

The Mathsons have two sons. Dale and Neal. As an indication of having led a good life they have traveled the world extensively.

Today, both Stella and Archie have good health and are well able to handle their own problems and still have time to show concern for others.

The Executive Director has been invited to the festivities to be observed on the occasion mentioned and the Lord willing, he intends to honor the invitation.

The Board of Directors join the Executive Officers and Staff of the AMAA to wish all the Mathsons good health and happiness for many more years.



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Ծ. Խ. — Ընդառաջելով Հայ Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութեան վարչական Խորհուրդի մէկ առաջարկին, Մերձաւոր Արեւելքի եւ Ֆրանսայի Հայ Աւետարանական Միութիւնները Մարտ ամիսը հռչակեցին «Աւետարանչական Ամիս»: Այդ առիթով, Հիւս. Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետ. եկեղեցիներուն նման, Ֆրանսայի եւ Միջին Արեւելքի Հայ Աւետ. բոլոր եկեղեցիներն ու կազմակերպութիւնները յատուկ ձեռնարկներով անդրադարձան Հայ Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութեան հոգեւոր, կրթական եւ ընկերային 68-ամեայ ծառայութիւններուն: Ստորեւ կը ներկայացնենք Մերձաւոր Արեւելքի Հայ Աւետ. եկեղեցիներու Միութեան Ատեմապետ՝ Վեր. Յովհ. Գարնեանի խօսքը, Աւետարանչական Ամսուան առիթով, լոյս տեսած՝ «Ջամատեր»ի Մարտ 1986 թիւին մէջ:

«Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութիւնը կը գործէ աշխարհի 15 տարբեր երկիրներու մէջ, ծառայելով կարօտեալ Հայերուն, աւետարանչական բազմաթիւ գործունէութիւններու միջոցով: Ամենէն աւելի ընդհանրացած գործունէութիւններն են կրթանպաստներ, բժշկական խնամք, աղքատներուն յատկացումներ, ինչպէս նաեւ աւետարանչական ձեռնարկներ եւ եկեղեցիներուն նիւթական ու հոգեւոր օժանդակութիւն: Աւետարանչականը կը քաջալերէ Հայ պատմութիւնն ու մշակոյթը, եւ սատար կ'ըլլայ կրօնական հրատարակութիւններու: Ձեր առատաձեռն յատկացումներով, Աւետարանչականը կը պահէ 45 տարբեր ձեռնարկներ եւ կ'օժանդակէ անոնց»:

Վերինը առնուած է ծանուցիչ թուցիկէ մը, որուն նպատակն է հանրութեան ծանօթացնել Ամերիկայ Հայ Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութիւնը:

Թուցիկը մանրամասնութիւն չի տար: Օրինակի համար, չի յիշեր Աւետարանչականին ծնունդին թուականը: Զ'ըսեր թէ 1918-ին, Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական եկեղեցիներու Միութեան առաջնորդներէն քանի մը տեսիլքի տէր հոգեւորականներ եւ աշխարհականներ քով-քովի եկան եւ որոշեցին օգնութեան եղբայրական ձեռք երկարել Մեծ Եղեռնի հնոցէն ճողոպրած իրենց ազգակիցներուն: Անոնք, բեռնաւորուած Քրիստոսի սիրով, չկրցան հանգիստ ընել, երբ տեսան մեծ բաց մը, ծառայութեան մեծ պատեհութիւն մը եւ երկնային հրամայական մը:

Չկան բաղդատական թուանշաններ թուցիկին մէջ: Օրինակ, ի՞նչ էր Աւետարանչականին պիւտճէն 1918-ին, քանի՞ երկիրներու մէջ, քանի՞ ձեռնարկներու օժանդակութիւն կը տրուէր: Զի յիշուի թէ վերջին 68 տարիներու ընթացքին քանի՞ անգամով բազմապատուած է անոր պիւտճէն եւ քանի՞ եկեղեցիներ օգտուած են դրամական յատկացումներէ, քանի՞ հոգեւոր գործիչներ ուսում ստացած են կրթանպաստներու միջոցով, քանի՞ հոգիներ շահուած են Քրիստոսի: Էւ հոգեւոր սնունդ ստացած՝ Աւետարանչականին յատկացումներով, կամ քանի՞ աղքատներ ու որբեր սնուցուած են եւ հիւանդներ՝ բուժուած: .

Թուցիկին մէջ ակնարկութիւն չէայ Աւետարանչականին գործունէութիւններուն եւ թուանշաններուն ետին կեցող նուիրեալ անձնակազմին մասին: Օրինակ, չ'ըսուի թէ Բարամբսի դրասենեակին անձնակազմը, հսկողութեամբ կոչումի տէր առաջնորդներու, ի՞նչ նուիրումով եւ քրիստոնէական ի՞նչ սիրով կ'աշխատի, առաքելութիւն մը կատարած ըլլալու բաւարարութեամբ: Այդ հաւատացեալ հայորդիները վարձքի համար չէ որ կ'աշխատին, հապա ծառայութեան գիտակցութեամբ, քաջ համոզուած՝ որ Քրիստոսի անունով եղբայրներուն օգնել աստուածահաճոյ արարք մը ըլլալէ զատ, ինքնիր վարձատրութիւնն է անտարակոյս:

Հապա Ամերիկայի հայ աւետարանական եկեղեցիները եւ անոնց ժողովուրդները. . . : Անոնք ալ չեն յիշուի թուցիկին մէջ: Օրինակ, չ'ըսուի թէ Աւետարանչականին ձեռնարկներուն համար դրամ վճարողները եկեղեցիներն են եւ անոնց ժողովուրդները, որոնց միակ գործը չէ ստորագրել չէ, հապա աղօթել, աղօթել, աղօթել եւ խորհիլ, աղօթել եւ զոհուիլ. . . : Անոնց սրտին մէջ Քրիստոսի սէրը վերածուած է եղբայրասիրութեան, այլասիրութեան, մարդասիրութեան: Անոնք սորված են քրիստոնէական ճշմարտութիւնը, որ մարդ տալով չ'աղքատանար, հապա կը հարստանայ, կը բարձրանայ, կը վերանայ՝ վեհ նպատակի մը համար զոհուած ըլլալու գիտակցութեամբ:

Ուրիշ բազմաթիւ տուեալներ բացակայ են ծանուցիչ թուցիկէն: Սակայն ներկայ է աշխարհի համատարած քարտէսը, որու վրայ նշանակուած են այն 13 երկիրները, ուր Աւետարանչականը կը հասնի քրիստոնէական ծառայութեան տեսիլքով:

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Մերձաւոր Արեւելքի Հայ Աւետարանական եկեղեցիներու Միութեան Կեդրոնական Մարմինը Մարտ ամիսը հռչակած է «Աւետարանչականի Ամիս», հետեւելով օրինակին Հիւս. Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետ. Միութեան, որ 1982-ի համաժողովին՝ որդեգրեց զաղափարը: Այս ամսուան ընթացքին, մեր եկեղեցիներուն եւ վարժարաններուն մէջ, մեր տարբեր հաստատութիւններուն եւ կազմակերպութիւններուն մէջ պիտի յիշուի Աւետարանչականը, որ Աստուծոյ շնորհքով, կը ջանայ հաւատարիմ ըլլալ Տէր Յիսուսի «Գացէ՛ք, ամբողջ աշխարհ եւ աւետարանը քարոզեցէ՛ք բոլոր ստեղծուածներուն» պատուէրին:

«Աւետարանչականի Ամիս»ը մեր մէջ առաջացնելու է փառաբանութեան եւ երախտագիտութեան հոգին: Փառք տալու ենք Աստուծոյ՝ Աւետարանչականին հիմնադիրներուն եւ անոր ղեկավարներուն համար, անոր զօրավիգ եղող սեկեղեցիներուն եւ ժողովուրդներուն համար: ՉԱստուած փառաբանելով, շնորհակալութիւն յայտնած կ'ըլլանք բոլոր այն ազնիւ հաւատացեալներուն, որոնք իրենց նիւթական զոհողութիւններուն կը միացնեն իրենց տաղանդները՝ երաշխաւորելու համար Աւետարանչա-

կանի բարգաւաճ առաջխաղացքը ծառայութեան ուղիին մէջ:

Աղօթելու ենք նաեւ Աւետարանչականին համար՝ մի՛շտ, սակայն Մարտ ամսուան ընթացքին՝ յատկապէս: Մեծ ձեռնհասութիւն, անսահման սէր ու համբերութիւն կը պահանջէ հոգեւոր գործի համար ապահովել ժողովուրդին զօրավիգը: Աղօթելու ենք Աւետարանչականին ղեկավարութեան համար, որպէսզի Տէրոջ աջիւրդին աշխատանքները ստանան երկնային իմաստութիւն եւ Ս. Հոգիին առաջնորդութիւնը, եկեղեցիներուն մէջ ազդեցիկ գործունէութեան համար: Աղօթելու ենք նաեւ մեր եկեղեցիներուն համար, անոնց մէջ հոգեւոր արթնութեան եւ քրիստոնէական ծառայութեան գործունէութեան համար:

Մարտ ամիսը ըլլալու է ուխտի ամիս մը մեր եկեղեցիներուն եւ ժողովուրդին համար: Քննելու ենք թէ մենք ի՞նչ կ'ընենք աշխարհը աւետարանելու տէրունական պատուէրին առնչութեամբ: Մեր եկեղեցիները ի՞նչ կու տան աւետարանչութեան համար: Այս հարցումներուն պատասխանելու մարզին մէջ, Աւետարանչականը կը ներկայացնէ լուծում մը: Օգնելով անոր, զօրավիգ կանգնելով անոր եւ աղօթելով անոր համար, մենք մասնակցած կ'ըլլանք անոր աւետարանչական առաքելութեան: Աւետարանչականը կ'ըլլայ Հայ աւետարանական բոլոր եկեղեցիներուն աւետարանչական թեւը: Ահա ա՛յս համոզումով, մեր եկեղեցիներուն ժողովուրդը հրաւիրելու է վերանորոգելու իր ուխտը Քրիստոսի հետեւելու

ԱՐԺԱՆԹԻՆԻ ՀԱՅ ԱՒԵՏԱՐԱՆ ԶԱԿԱՆ ԸՆԿԵՐԱԿՑՈՒԹԵԱՆ ԿԵԱՆՔԷՆ

Շաբաթ, Դեկտեմբեր 14ին, երեկոյեան ժամը 9ին տեղի ունեցաւ Արժանթինի Հայ Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութեան աւանդական երեկոյթը Ս. Ծնունդի եւ Նոր Տարուան տօներուն առիթով:

Օրուան հանդիսավարն էր Պրն. Կարապետ Թեքիրեան, որ իրեն յատուկ զուարթամտութեամբ ու պերճախօսութեամբ կատարեց տօնախմբութեան բացումը, ղեկավարութիւնն ու փակումը: Պրն. Լեւոն Պալլադեան ամուսնեւոր քառեակը հրամցուց երկու գեղեցիկ խմբերգներ հայերէն եւ սպաներէն լեզուով: Օր. Վիքթորիա Ֆերնանտէս Դարբինեան արտասանութեամբ խանդավառեց ներկաները, Սիլվա Կապուտիկեանի «Քելէ, լաօ» հայրենաբաղձ քերթուածով: Դաշնակի վրայ դասական եւ ազգային կտորներ մեկնաբանեցին Ալիսիա Սեւեան եւ Սոնիքա Վաստա:

Օրուան հայերէն լեզուով պատգամաբերն էր Պրն. Սարգիս Կիւլլիւճեան, որ կուռ ու գեղեցիկ լեզուով շեշտեց Քրիստոսի Ս. Ծնունդին վեհութիւնը, ուր Աստուած մարմնացաւ որպէսզի մարդը աստուածացնէ: Տէրը մարդացաւ ցոյց տալու համար իր աստուածային սէրը մարդուն հանդէպ: Ան ըսաւ. «Իւրաքանչիւր մարդ կրնայ ըմբռնանալ այդ սէրը եւ ընդունիլ փրկութիւն ու սրտի խաղաղութիւն, երբ Տէր Յիսուսը կ'ընդունի որպէս իր անձնական փրկիչը: Յիսուսի Ծնունդը մարդուն կու տայ

եւ անոր համար զոհուելու: Յիշելով Աւետարանչականը յիշած կ'ըլլանք 13 երկիրներու մէջ այն բոլոր եկեղեցիներն ու դպրոցները, կազմակերպութիւններն ու ձեռնարկները, որոնց ծառայութեան մէջ բաժին ունի Աւետարանչականը, անփոխալութեան մէջ ներդրումներով: Աղօթելով Աւետարանչականին համար, աղօթած կ'ըլլանք, օրինակ, Պրազիլի Հայ Աւետ. եկեղեցիի ձայնասփիւռի աւետարանչական յայտագիրներուն համար, Գանատայի մէջ հայերէն Աստուածաշունչ տարածելու եւ Աւստրալիայի գործին համար, ինչպէս նաեւ տարբեր երկիրներու մեր քոյր եկեղեցիներուն եւ անոնց ժողովուրդներուն համար:

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«Աւետարանչականի Ամիս»ը ըլլալու է Հայ աւետարանական աշխարհասփիւռ մեծ ընտանիքին միասնականութեան հոգին ամրապնդող առիթ մը: Աւետարանչականը կ'առնէ եւ կու տայ: Ան կը միացնէ տուողը եւ առնողը, որովհետեւ տուողը կու տայ հաւատքով ու զոհաբերութեան հոգիով, առնողը կը ստանայ հաւատքահարեցութեան փառաբանելով: «Աւետարանչականի Ամիս»ը աղօթքի ու ուխտի կապով եւ Սուրբ Հոգիին օծումին կնիքով, իրարու հետ համաչափօրէն քննարկող Հայ աւետարանական սիրտերու տօնական ամիսն է: Ուրեմն, ոտքի՝ Փառաբանութեան Աղօթքի համար . . . :

ուրախութիւն, փառաբանելու կարողութիւն, հոգիով ու ճշմարտութեամբ երկրպագելու շնորհ, կուռքերէն հրաժարելու եւ Աստուծոյ նուէրներ տալու իմաստութիւն: Մէկը քրիստոնեայ չի կրնար կոչուիլ եթէ Քրիստոսը չ'ընդունի որպէս իր անձնական փրկիչը»:

Բոլոր ներկաներու կողմէ երգուեցաւ «Լո՛ւտ գիշեր, սո՛ւրբ գիշեր» երգը, որ մասնաւոր տպաւորութիւն մը ձգեց: Խմբերգներուն դաշնակով ընկերակցեցաւ տիկ. Լուիզա Շատարեւեան:

Պրն. Իսահակ Շատարեւեան իր ազնիւ ընթերցանութեամբ մեզի փոխանցեց Վեր. Անդրանիկ Պետիկեանի «Հետեւիք Բեթլեհէմի Աստղին» խորիմաստ գրութիւնը: Սպաներէն լեզուով պատգամը բերաւ տղա. Օպէտ Պոյաճեան, որ մասնաւոր հրաւերով եկած էր Մոնթէվիտէոյէն:

Վերջին խօսքը կատարեց պր. Արթուրո Տիարեան, որ ծանրացաւ Աւետարանչականի տարած օգտակար առաքելութեան վրայ, եւ առ այդ կոչ ըրաւ նոր, աւելի թարմ ուժերով մասնակից դառնալու, զօրացնելու եւ ծառայելու համար անոր:

Ոտքի վրայ եւ տպաւորիչ կերպով երգուեցաւ «Հայր Մեր»ը, որմէ ետք սկսաւ հանդիսութեան ընկերային բաժինը:



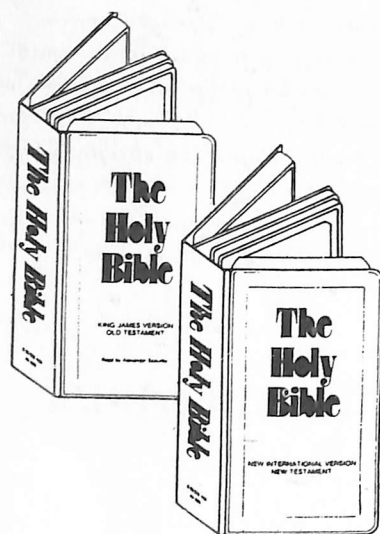
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whom are acquainted with the deceased, their families and relatives through the AMAA records, extend their sin-  
cere and deep sympathies to the immediate kin, relatives and friends of the deceased, whose obituaries, trans-  
mitted to the Editor by pastors, friends or relatives, are recorded below.

"Let not your heart be troubled," said our Lord, "ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are  
many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you. . . , I will come again, and receive you unto myself." (Jo. 14:1-3).  
This is the hope by which we should all live.

### EDWARD HRAND DINGILIAN



Edward H. Dingilian

Edward H. Dingilian passed away on  
February 12, 1986, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He  
was born on October 14, 1904 in Broussa,  
Turkey, the son of the late Stephan and  
Beatrice Dingilian. His father was a victim of  
the Armenian genocide, whereupon his  
mother became connected with the American  
School in Istanbul from which Edward  
graduated. He came to New York with his  
grandparents, Reverend and Mrs. Lazaros  
Garabedian, in 1922. His mother, brother and  
sisters followed in 1923.

Edward graduated from the High School of  
Commerce and worked for a number of years  
in the floor covering department of Ludwig  
Baumann, where he was a salesman and later  
a complaint manager.

Just before the depression, he opened his  
own oriental rug business in Allentown, Penn-  
sylvania. In 1939, he purchased the Oriental  
Rug Department at Pogue's Department Store  
in Cincinnati, Ohio. He later opened his own  
specialty store. He built his business on hones-  
ty, integrity, good quality and service, and left  
a rich Armenian heritage and a wonderful  
reputation.

He was an active member of the AMAA,  
the Cincinnati Kiwanis Club, the AGBU and  
ASA.

With other members of the Dingilian fami-  
ly, he helped to establish the Dingilian Fund  
for Haigazian College in Beirut, Lebanon.

Surviving are his wife, Angelle (nee Avano-  
zian), with whom he had just celebrated their  
fifty-first wedding anniversary; two daughters,  
Lucille Anahid Miller of Cincinnati and Arlene

Rose Hinkemeyer of Manhasset, New York;  
a brother, Dikran of New York City; a sister,  
Armine Aroian of Schenectady New York;  
and four grandchildren.

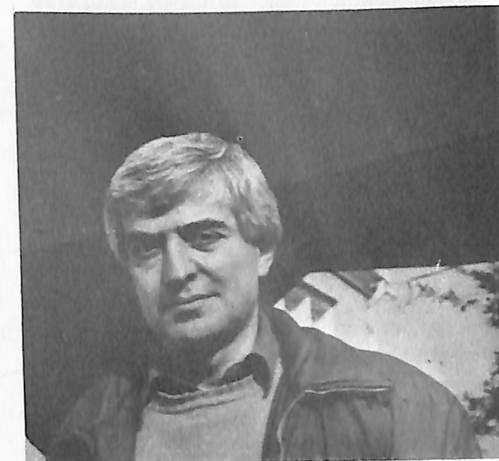
### EDGAR HADIDIAN

On December 23, 1985, Edgar Hadidian  
of San Jose, CA, went to his eternal rest, after  
a long period of hospitalization. The follow-  
ing comments are taken from his biography,  
prepared by Dr. Puzant Hadidian and  
presented at a Memorial Service held on  
January 5, 1986, at the Calvary Armenian  
Congregational Church of San Francisco, CA.

Edgar was born in Beirut, and received his  
education at the Armenian Evangelical High  
School of Eshrefieh. He came to America in  
1956, and graduated from San Mateo State  
College in 1961 with a B.A. in Psychology.  
He also earned an M.A. in Psychology and  
worked for nearly 10 years at an institution  
for the blind in Boston as a psychologist and  
counselor, and established himself as a  
specialist in working with the blind. He had  
an exceptional ability to understand and relate  
to all types of people.

Upon returning to California in 1981, he ar-  
ranged to begin work as a psychologist, but  
on the day he was to begin work, he was taken  
to the hospital for emergency brain surgery,  
to remove a tumor. He suffered with four  
surgeries over the years, and after the final  
one, remained bedridden for seven months,  
until his death.

Edgar was a man of many talents: he played  
the violin and sang; he had a talent for draw-  
ing, especially caricatures; he had a writing  
ability; his dexterity and intelligence enabled  
him to repair many different types of ap-  
pliances and machines. He was also blessed  
with an innate friendliness, by which he would  
strike up a conversation with anyone, whether  
by way of common interests, or by way of a  
humorous comment. He was loved by peers  
and children, to whom he showed great af-  
fection. But most of all, he had an indomitable  
spirit, a zest for life, a thirst for challenge, an  
left him with a kind and sweet disposition, an  
optimism and patience which amazed every-  
one, a trust in God which no circumstance  
could alter. Edgar was a sincere and brave  
young man, a lover of Armenians and of all



Edgar Hadidian

mankind, full of honor and bravery. May his  
memory be blessed.

Edgar is survived by his mother, Arshalous;  
his brothers, Nubar and Bernard; and many  
dear relatives and loved ones. May God  
strengthen them all.

### SAMUEL MAGZANIAN

Samuel H. Magzanian was born on April  
16, 1888 in Bitias, Musa Dagh (now Turkey).  
He was the fifth of eight children — all sons,  
of a devout Christian family. His father,  
Hagop, kept the church of Bitias open for  
several years after the Adana massacre by  
leading the services every Sunday. His mother  
conducted weekly Bible study and prayer  
meetings.

Sam came to the United States in 1910 and  
worked for fourteen years before returning to  
Bitias in 1924. Most of his family had perish-  
ed in the interim. He rebuilt his home, mar-  
ried, started a family and became a church  
trustee and provided for his family from the  
bounty he harvested from the hills around  
Bitias. His charity for others and his love for  
his family knew no bounds. He once took the  
wooden shelves from his home in order to  
provide the precious wood for the coffin of a  
townsman.

In 1939, Sam and his family left Musa Dagh  
when it was vacated and its people trans-  
ported to Lebanon. During their stay in  
Lebanon, Sam suffered loss of much of his  
hearing when a bomb exploded in a bus in  
which he was riding. In 1948, he returned to  
the United States and settled with his family





Samuel Magzarian

in New Jersey where they lived until 1983. Then, at the age of 95, he and his family moved to Olney, Maryland.

He was an industrious man, loved horticulture and nature. In his late seventies and eighties, he built massive stone walls for his garden that became a landmark in Little Falls; walls he guaranteed would stand for a thousand years. For the garden, he meticulously grafted rows of fruit trees that would bear for a lifetime.

His wife and family loved him for his generosity, his patience, his compassion and his sense of humor. He was a religious man who read the Bible daily until his eyes failed three years ago. He was sturdy and stubborn, insisting on climbing the stairs to his bedroom right up to the hour that he died.

He leaves behind his wife, Victoria; three daughters, Bertha, Ann and Mrs. Richard Furno (Louis); and a grandson, Alex.

#### BEDROS KAPIKIAN

Bedros Kapikian, a long-time resident of Astoria, NY, passed away at his home on January 8, 1986.

A native of Alexandria, Egypt, Mr. Kapikian was born in 1908 and came to the United States when he was 14 years old. A photo-engraver by profession, he was active in numerous community organizations, always willingly offering his services. His attachment to the church started when as a 6-year-old boy, he served as candle bearer and choir member in the Armenian church of his hometown. He was known for volunteering his services and his car to transport to the church friends and parishioners who lacked transportation.

A bachelor all of his life, Mr. Kapikian is survived by a sister, Mrs. A. Zorayan of Bayside, NY.

#### GEORGE ATTARIAN

George Attarian died on February 25, 1986, after a brief illness, at the age of 92. He was born on September 16, 1893 to Hagop



George Attarian

and Khatoon Attarian. He was the 8th child born to them. His father was murdered by the Turks in 1895. His mother and other brothers came to America in 1909.

After serving in the Army of the U.S. in World War I, he lived in Fresno where he met Mary Kiramidjian at a Christian Endeavor meeting at the Armenian Presbyterian Church and married on September 6, 1923.

He was employed by the City of Los Angeles as an assessment engineer. In 1926, he rose to the position of Director of the Bureau of the Assessments for the City of Los Angeles. He retired after 30 years of faithful service.

George loved the Lord in a real and vital way. He was an assiduous Bible reader. He loved the hymns of the church. He knew his Savior well.

He served on the Board of the Old Aintab Compatriotic Union for many years. At the demise of that fine organization that helped many young people, this Union made a sizeable donation to the AMAA Endowment Fund. He and his wife Mary are also Endowment Funders to the AMAA.

He served West Adams Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles as an Elder and a Deacon for many years.

The funeral services for George were held on February 28, 1986 at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Los Angeles. The same day, the Board of Public Works and the Los Angeles City Council adjourned their meetings in tribute to his memory.

George is survived by his wife, Mary; daughter, Mrs. Haig Ouzounian (Alice) and her family; two sons, James and George and their families; and two great grandchildren.

The family requests that "in lieu of flowers" contributions be made to the AMAA towards the fund already established.

#### HARRY (HAROUTUNE) CHAKMAKJIAN

Harry was born in May 5, 1898 to Verjin

and Minas Chakamkjian in Kaisery, Turkey. Harry's schooling was in the American Missionary High School and College in Talat, Turkey.

During the Turkish atrocities, Harry lost his father when he was only 16. His family was exiled to a small Turkish village while Harry was deported to a Turkish orphanage in Adana. He refused to convert to the mosque faith, and somehow managed to escape and find a job in a German construction company.

After the war, a relative from the U.S. came to Turkey and brought Harry and his sister Victoria, back with him to Philadelphia.

In 1925, Harry met and married Sara Martayan of New York. This was the beginning of 60 years of blissful married life which was celebrated only a few months before Harry's death. They were blessed with two children, Helen and Robert, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The couple's church affiliation began in the Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church in Philadelphia, where Harry was treasurer for 15 years and a trustee for 18 years. In 1942 the family moved to Los Angeles and became actively involved in the Masis Armenian Congregational Church. Here, Harry served as an assistant treasurer.

Harry succeeded in a variety of business ventures including tailoring, marketing and manufacturing. In 1951, he went into the aircraft fastener business with his son-in-law Henry Rainey, and played a key role there until his retirement in 1975.

Harry was a man of good character which had its foundation on Christ and Christian principles. His love for his family and friends was unlimited. He cared for others. He was always concerned about his fellow Armenians and church friends in particular.

He was both instrumental in finding and the principal catalyst in purchasing the piece of real estate on which the United Armenian Congregational church of Hollywood, CA is erected.

During the trying times of his illness, his unlimited love and devotion were returned to him by his wife, entire family and friends. He made the transition from this life to life eternal on December 6, 1985.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah; daughter, Mrs. Henry Painey (Helen); son, Robert; 6 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; brother, John Chakmakjian of Tucson, Arizona; sister, Victoria Samuelian of Philadelphia, PA; and many nieces and nephews.

#### HENRY SHAHAN

Henry was born in Yerevan, Armenia, on September 20, 1922, to Paul and Vaghenig Shahbaghlian. He was the oldest of four children raised in a Christian home in Los



Henry Shahan

Angeles, CA, where he also attended the public schools. He attended the Armenian Brethren Church of Los Angeles with his family where he developed the foundation for his lasting love of Bible study, Bible verse memorization, and prayer. From his youth on, he was a good steward and generous supporter of various missionary and evangelistic organizations.

Henry was married to Helen Demirjian and they were blessed with four beautiful daughters. He was a devoted husband and father. Six years ago, when the family moved to San Jose because of better employment opportunities, he became an active member of the South Hills Community Church.

His battle with cancer lasted about 18 months. During this time his trust in his Lord never failed. In the last six months, his children really saw what living for Christ was through their father's fine example. He had not only raised and taught his children to love the Lord, but left a model life for them to follow. He was most fortunate that Helen, his loving wife, was a registered nurse who provided for his personal and spiritual needs throughout his illness. He entered into His Lord's presence on the Lord's Day, December 15, 1985.

He leaves his loving wife, Helen; four daughters, Debbie, Sharon, Monica and Joy. Henry also leaves his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shahan; his brother, Onnig Shahan and family; his sisters, Mary Jermukian and family and Martha Sarian and family.

#### REBEKAH YARDUMIAN

Rebekah Yardumian, the seventh of thirteen children of Ruth and the late Richard Yardumian, died on January 16, 1986 after a short illness.

Rebekah, who was born on August 28, 1948, was always a gentle cooperative person, loved by all who knew her. Before her illness, she worked at Associated Production

Services and her peer social activities were with the Young Adult Group in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. She attended church regularly, loved singing and ever since she learned to read, was a daily reader of her Bible.

According to her mother, Ruth, Rebekah was her husband's, Richard's and her "Opus Seven" who was a treasure in their family.

The AMAA Board of Directors extend their heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased through the medium of the AMAA NEWS.

**AORDIKIAN, Satenig**  
Oxford, CT  
**CARLTON, Alford**  
Columbus, OH  
**DEMIR, Lucine**  
Oakpark, IL  
**MALJANIAN, Ann Sweet**  
Pasadena, CA  
**MELIAN, Louise**  
Cherry Hill, NJ  
**SEXENIAN, R.**  
Los Angeles, CA  
**VORPERIAN, Zaroochi**  
W. Hartford, CT June 15, 1985  
**BOSNIAN, John**  
Hollywood Hills, CA Oct. 21, 1985  
**ARSHALIAN, Genevieve**  
Watertown, MA Nov. 1, 1985  
**MILIAN, Flora**  
Fort Lee, NJ Nov. 1, 1985  
**OHANESIAN, Marjorie K.**  
Fresno, CA Nov. 7, 1985  
**HAROIAN, Elizabeth**  
Lexington, MA Nov. 9, 1985  
**GULDALIAN, Ohannes K.**  
Glendale, CA Nov. 10, 1985  
**VARBEDIAN, Hilda**  
Detroit, MI Nov. 11, 1985  
**VARBEDIAN, Andrew**  
Detroit, MI Nov. 19, 1985  
**KAZANJIAN, Oscar**  
Winchester, MA Nov. 27, 1985  
**DADOURIAN, Hagop**  
Southfield, MI Nov. 30, 1985  
**JOSEPH, Jack**  
Los Angeles, CA Dec. 2, 1985  
**\*KASHIAN, T.**  
Cleveland, OH Dec. 3, 1985  
**CHOREBANIAN, Victoria**  
Arlington, MA Dec. 4, 1985  
**\*CHAKMAKJIAN, Harry**  
Van Nuys, CA Dec. 6, 1985  
**PROODIAN, Azadouhi**  
Huntington Beach, CA Dec. 12, 1985

**SAATJIAN, Haiganoush**  
Southfield, MI Dec. 12, 1985  
**HALEBLIAN, Rose**  
Tenafly, NJ Dec. 15, 1985  
**\*SHAHAN, Henry**  
San Jose, CA Dec. 12, 1985  
**\*ASLANIAN, Zabel**  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL Dec. 15, 1985  
**VARBEDIAN, Ashken**  
Bloomfield Hills, MI Dec. 29, 1985

**\*YAGOUBIAN, Paul**  
New Britain, CT Jan. 3, 1986  
**BEREJIKLIAN, Mihranoush**  
Hollywood, CA Jan. 5, 1986  
**KAPIGIAN, Peter**  
Flushing, NY Jan. 8, 1986  
**\*LUCAS, Helen**  
Lake Orion, MI Jan. 8, 1986  
**LUCIA, Rebeca**  
Jan. 1, 1986

**\*YZUK, Puzant**  
Fernandina, FL Jan. 23, 1986  
**PANOSIAN, Zabel**  
Washington Heights, NY Jan. 26, 1986

**HOVNAN, Lucy**  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL Jan. 27, 1986

**\*DINGILIAN, Edward**  
Cincinnati, OH Feb. 2, 1986  
**\*MAGZANIAN, Samuel**  
Olney, MD Feb. 2, 1986

**\*AVAKIAN Bedros**  
Glen Rock, NJ Feb. 15, 1986  
**NAZARIAN, Hripsime**  
Gloucester, MA Feb. 17, 1986

**\*LEVONIAN, Rena**  
Troy, NY Feb. 18, 1986

**ABAJIAN, Vera**  
Los Angeles, CA Feb. 20, 1986

**\*AJOOTIAN, George**  
N. Providence, RI Feb. 24, 1986

**\*ATTARIAN, George**  
Los Angeles, CA Feb. 25, 1986

**\*\*SAHAKIAN, Joseph**  
San Antonio, TX Feb. 27, 1986

**BAKERDJIAN, Eliza**  
Montreal, Canada Feb. 28, 1986

**\*JANBAZIAN, Nvart**  
San Clemente, CA Feb. 28, 1986

**\*BEDROSIAN, Martin**  
Dinuba, CA March, 1986

**KASSABIAN, Angela**  
Tarzana, CA March 9, 1986

**\*SEELY, Isabelle**  
Sun City, CA March 21, 1986

**\*PECKJIAN, Victoria**  
Wayne, PA March 24, 1986

\*Memorials were designated for AMAA.

\*\*Bequest Assigned.



# FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT WILLS

## WHY DON'T MORE PEOPLE HAVE WILLS

- ☐ Some think they don't have enough property to need a Will.
- ☐ Others think that the spouse and the children get everything automatically.
- ☐ Most are simply too busy to make their Will.

No one knows the day when the Lord might call one home. And when one dies intestate (without having made a valid Will), the family can get hurt, not just financially, but in many other ways.

## WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF MAKING A WILL?

- ☐ You exercise your right to determine how your property will be distributed.
- ☐ You provide for your heirs in the way you choose.
- ☐ You make sure strangers won't distribute your property according to their wishes, whims or opinions.
- ☐ You safeguard your property from being distributed to undeserving people.
- ☐ You ensure your property is not unduly taxed by the state.
- ☐ You make use of the best-known vehicle (a written, valid Will) to make charitable bequests.
- ☐ You provide guardians for your minor children.
- ☐ You avoid misunderstandings among your family members and heirs.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE A WILL?

- ☐ Your property is distributed according to the state laws of descent and distribution.
- ☐ Your heirs go through a maze of red tape and legalities that a simple Will could avoid.

- ☐ Your property will probably not be distributed according to your wishes.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR WILL IS NOT VALID?

- ☐ The Court will probably try to isolate the invalid parts and carry out your wishes as closely as possible with regard to the rest.
- ☐ The court may even set aside your entire Will and proceed as if you had no Will at all.

## WHAT COULD MAKE YOUR WILL INVALID?

### Lots of things:

- ☐ A hand-written Will in a state that does not honor hand-written Wills or valid in the state where you made it, but not in the one you lived in later.
- ☐ A Will not properly witnessed (too few witnesses or one of the witnesses also a beneficiary, which is not usually permitted).
- ☐ When decedent's heirs have all died.
- ☐ When decedent's instructions can be interpreted in several different ways.

**To make sure your Will is valid and remains valid, have it drawn up by an attorney, and then have it checked yearly afterwards.**

## IF YOU DON'T HAVE A WILL

- ☐ Resolve now to make your Will.
- ☐ Sit down in the privacy of your home and make a list of your property and heirs (including addresses); then proceed to write down your wishes.
- ☐ And finally, take your notes to your lawyer, and ask him to draw up your Will and make your personal wishes legal.

## IF YOU HAVE A WILL NOW CHECK TO SEE—

- ☐ Is it up to date?
- ☐ Have you moved to another state since making your Will?
- ☐ Do you live now in a community property state?
- ☐ Are the beneficiaries still living? Still worthy?
- ☐ Do you want to keep the same executor and alternate executors?
- ☐ Do you still own the specific properties referred to in your Will?
- ☐ Will your estate get full advantage of the marital deduction?

## CONTINUE YOUR GOOD WORKS THROUGH A THOUGHTFUL WILL

When a person dies, that person's benevolence and good works need not die. Through a thoughtful Will you can continue your good works and even begin new ones. You do this by—

1. Helping the charities you've always supported.
2. Considering to tithe your estate... giving 10% to charity.
3. Considering a gift to charity as a living memorial for a loved one.
4. Providing a guaranteed life income for a relative or friend through an annuity provision of your Will that also makes a gift to a charitable organization or institution.
5. Designating a specific number of dollars... or a specific percentage of your estate... or the remainder of your estate... to your favorite charity.

**NOTE:** When you name a charity in your Will, be sure to use its full, legal, incorporated name.

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